

REMARKS:

Claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, 16 and 17

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, 16 and 17.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-11, 13, 15 and 18-22

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-11, 13, 15 and 18-22 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hasegawa et al. (US2002/0191348).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of allowable claim 2, and therefore is believed to be allowable.

Claims 3, 5, 8-10 and 21 depend from claim 1, and therefore incorporate the limitations of claim 1. Because claim 1 is believed to be allowable, claims 3, 5 and 8-10 are also believed to be allowable.

Independent claim 11 has been amended to recite the limitations of allowable claim 6 and all limitations of its parent claim (claim 1), and therefore is believed to be allowable.

Claims 13, 15, 18-20 and 22 depend from claim 11, and therefore incorporate the limitations of claim 11. Because claim 11 is believed to be allowable, claims 13, 15, 18-20 and 22 are also believed to be allowable.

New Claim

New claim 23 has been added to further define and vary the scope of the present invention. Particularly, claim 23 includes all of the limitations of claim 1 and allowable claim 4. Accordingly, claim 23 is believed to be allowable. Allowance of claim 23 is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HSJ920030104US1).

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